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CIA Admits Helping Train Local Policemen

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A New York congressman today expressed "outrage" over an admission by the Central Intelligence Agency that it helped train policemen from about 12 cities around the nation in wiretapping, handling explosives and preparing intelligence files.

"This is a clear violation of the 1917 law that created the CIA," said Rep. Edward I. Koch, D-N.Y. He said the 1917 law clearly and indisputably stated the CIA was to have "no internal security function."

That was a crystal clear prohibition of the kind of activity the CIA has admitted carrying out, Koch said at a press conference today.

Koch declined to comment on whether the District and Montgomery and Fairfax counties were involved in CIA activity — as reported by the New York Times.

"I have been asked by the CIA to keep the specific locations confidential because the agency pledged this confidentiality to those police departments."

"The very fact that this secrecy is involved makes it even more incumbent that the CIA be prohibited from any training of this nature."

Col. Richard King, deputy chief of the Fairfax County police department, said, "About a year ago, the CIA did provide some assistance in training two of our men in surveillance techniques, but that was about the extent of it."

The training took three days, King said, and was given as a matter of "mutual aide supportive service" because the county department helps patrol the CIA headquarters at Langley.

The men were being trained

for narcotics and gambling investigation, King said.

Normally, if county officers receive such training from an outside agency, they get it from the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, King said.

Aside from the two men, King said, he knew of no other men trained by the CIA and added that the agency could not secretly have trained some of his men.

"It's not possible," he said.

He said that the county officers receive training in explosives from a U.S. Army facility in Alabama and do not conduct wiretaps because "it is illegal in Virginia."

"We send men to the Army ordnance school at Huntsville, Ala., for explosives training," said King. "We don't have any training in wiretaps, because we can't use them in Virginia. And we do our own intelligence

files. They're just like any other files: Alphabetical."

Koch said he has informed Sen. Sam Ervin, D-N.C., chairman of the Senate subcommittee on constitutional rights, and Rep. Chet Holifield, D-Calif., chairman of the House Government Op-

He said he informed Holifield and Ervin of all the jurisdictions involved.

Koch said the CIA "said the training included audio control techniques—that means bugging. I consider that an outrage."

"We don't want the kind of activity used against our own citizens. I am asking the New York Police Department to cease and desist."

As for the CIA, he said, "They've been getting away with it simply because nobody was aware of it."

Koch said CIA legislative counsel John Maury informed him by telephone and letter that the agency conducted the

training under provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968.

That law, said Maury, states that the Enforcement Assistance Administration can use personnel and equipment of the Justice Department or "other civilian or military agencies and instrumentalities" in its training.

"I, of course, view that as a perversion of the law," said Koch.

He said the CIA told him fewer than 50 policemen from about a dozen city and county police departments have received some kind of CIA "briefing" during the last two years.

Maury said the so-called briefings "have covered a variety of subjects such as the procedures for the processing, analysing, filing of information, security devices and procedures, and metal and explosives detection techniques."

Koch said he is doubly concerned because New York City police currently have files on more than a million people.

Maury informed Koch that "briefings have been provided at no cost to the recipients . . . The cost to the agency is minimal."

Maury told Koch, "We do not consider that the activities in question violate the letter or the spirit" of the law.

Koch said he would have no objection to a certain amount of limited training for local police departments by the Justice Department or other federal agencies. But he said the very nature of the espionage work carried out by the CIA makes the situation sinister.

Koch said the appropriation that finances the CIA is concealed in other agency budgets and the secrecy surrounding the agency is necessary for international counter-espionage. But he said it had absolutely no domestic function.

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